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Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Cellular Service in the Gulf of Mexico
WT Docket No. 97-112, CC Docket No. 90-6
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 5, Ben Almond of Cingular Wireless met with Lauren Kravetz and Mike Ferrante of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau concerning the above mentioned proceedings.

The meeting commenced with a discussion of the A/B Band licenses of Cingular Wireless along the Gulf coast. A handout (copy attached) was provided to facilitate the discussion. It was pointed out that Cingular's position in the proceeding has been consistent and reflects the consensus position that BellSouth and SBC have previously stated for the record. It is Cingular's view that the Commission should adopt "The Joint Proposal" by the coalition of land-based carriers including Cingular Wireless. The Joint Proposal would provide for an immediate improvement in the provision of ubiquitous land-based service, including the provision of E-911 service, in areas abutting the Gulf of Mexico, as well as facilitate the provision of service in the waters of the Gulf by the Gulf-based carriers. The proposal is technically sound and easily administered. It was indicated that none of the involved parties support the Commission's tentative proposal to auction a Coastal zone area along the Gulf. This auction will likely not remedy the disputes but exacerbate the problem due to the potential licensing of third parties in each of the market areas.

It was discussed that Cingular has existing agreements with PetroCom and Coastel in some of its markets. These agreements involved a few tower collocation arrangements, service areas boundary arrangements, the provisioning of trunking and switching services for the Gulf water carriers and so forth. However, it was stated that the roaming rates charged by these carriers are unreasonably high and a burden to Cingular's customers.

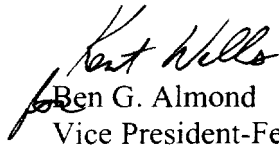
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Finally, it was stated that no matter what the Commission ultimately decides, the Commission should grandfather existing agreements between the land-based and Gulf-based carriers.

Please associate this notification and accompanying material with the referenced docket proceedings.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned on 202-419-3020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben G. Almond", is written over a printed name and title.

Ben G. Almond
Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

Cc: Lauren Kravetz
Mike Ferrante

MSA/ RSA/ BTA	MKT	BAND	CALL SIGN	MARKET NAME	LICENSEE
MSA	170	A	KNKA676	GALVESTON, TX	GALVESTON CELLULAR TELEPHONE CO.
MSA	10	A	KNKA367	HOUSTON, TX	HOUSTON CELLULAR TELEPHONE, L.P.
MSA	12	B	KNKA225	MIAMI-FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
MSA	83	A	KNKA461	MOBILE, AL	ANNISTON-WESTEL COMPANY, LLC
MSA	29	B	KNKA224	NEW ORLEANS, LA	LOUISIANA CELLULAR HOLDINGS, L.L.C.
MSA	112	B1	KNKA388	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	CORPUS CHRISTI SMSA L.P.
MSA	162	B1	KNKA430	BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN, TEXAS	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION SMSA L.P.
MSA	184	A	KNKA686	HOUMA-THIBODEAUX, LOUISIANA	HOUMA-THIBODEAUX CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP
MSA	300	B1	KNKA546	VICTORIA, TX	CORPUS CHRISTI SMSA L.P.
RSA	370	B1	KNKN793	FLORIDA 11-MONROE (partitioned)	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
RSA	459	B1	KNKN499	LOUISIANA 6-IBERVILLE (partitioned)	ACADIANA CELLULAR GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
RSA	462	B1	KNKQ455	LOUISIANA 9-PLAQUEMINES	LOUISIANA CELLULAR HOLDINGS, L.L.C.
RSA	667	B1	KNKN608	TEXAS 16-BURLESON	GTE MOBILNET OF TEXAS RSA #16 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
RSA	670	B1	KNKN576	TEXAS 19 - ATASCOSA	TEXAS RSA 19 L.P.
RSA	671	B1	KNKN945	TEXAS 20 - WILSON (partitioned)	TEXAS RSA 20B1 L.P.
RSA	672	A1	KNKP971	TEXAS 21- CHAMBERS (INTERIM)	GALVESTON CELLULAR TELPHONE CO.
Cingular PCS Markets- Abutting Gulf of Mexico					
BTA	42	D	KNLG610	BILOXI-GULFPORT-PASCAGOULA, MS	NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI CELLULAR, LLC
BTA	151	D	KNLG616	FORT MYERS, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
BTA	151	E	KNLG617	FORT MYERS, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
BTA	154	E	KNLG619	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL	ORLANDO CGSA, LLC
BTA	159	E	KNLG621	GAINESVILLE, FL	ORLANDO CGSA, LLC
BTA	180	E	KNLH425	HAMMOND, LOUISIANA	SOUTHWESTERN BELL WIRELESS, LLC
BTA	195	E	KNLG624	HOUMA-THIBODEAUX, LA	LOUISIANA CELLULAR HOLDINGS, L.L.C.
BTA	238	E	KNLG626	LAKE CHARLES, LA	LOUISIANA CELLULAR HOLDINGS, L.L.C.
BTA	313	E	KNLG632	NAPLES, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
BTA	340	E	KNLH584	PANAMA CITY, FL	ORLANDO CGSA, LLC
BTA	343	E	KNLG637	PENSACOLA, FL	ORLANDO CGSA, LLC
BTA	408	E	KNLG638	SARASOTA-BRADENTON, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC
BTA	439	E	KNLG642	TALLAHASSEE, FL	ORLANDO CGSA, LLC
BTA	440	E	KNLG643	TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER, FL	FLORIDA CELLULAR SERVICE, LLC

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